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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject patent application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1(amended). Writing instrument comprising a substantially sleeve-shaped shaft (20), a main axis (100), a terminal part (50,35,20b) at a rear end of said shaft, and a substantially conical tip device (10) at a front end portion of said shaft (20), characterized in that one of

- said tip device (10) being adapted to be controlled (40,43,9) so as to be pivotably inclinable in a plane comprising said main axis (100) and relative to said sleeve-shaped shaft (20); and
- an inclination angle (α) of a cone axis (101) of said tip device (10) being adjustable (40,43,9) in relation to said main axis (100).

2(amended). Writing instrument according to claim 1, said inclination (α) of the tip being changed from the terminal part (50,35,20b), providing a longitudinal movement of one of an ink device and a refilling device (40) received in said shaft, said movement